

REMARKS

Claims 9-13 are pending. No claims have been amended. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting

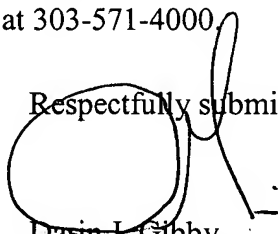
Claims 9-13 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-19 of copending Application No. 10/712,170. Accompanying this Response is an appropriate terminal disclaimer, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,


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